

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
GLOBAL EXPEDITED PACKAGE SERVICES (GEPS) CONTRACTS  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Docket No. MC2017-183

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES  
GEPS 8 CONTRACTS (MC2017-183)  
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No. CP2017-284

RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1  
(September 26, 2017)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides its response to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, issued on September 21, 2017. The response was due by September 26, 2017. The request is reprinted verbatim in the attached and is followed by the Postal Service's response.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**

To clarify the Postal Service's request to add GEPS 8 to the competitive product list of the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS), filed September 5, 2017,<sup>1</sup> the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following question. The response is due no later than September 26, 2017.

Please refer to the Attachment. The Attachment contains draft MCS language that would make an additional change to the GEPS product description to clarify the nature of "Commercial ePacket Service." Please confirm that this language accurately describes Commercial ePacket Service. If not confirmed, please explain.

### **Attachment**

2510.3.5                      Optional Features

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- Delivery Tracking
  - o Offered with FCPIS to certain destinations as Commercial ePacket Service ~~to certain destinations~~.

### **RESPONSE:**

Confirmed, except that the Postal Service would prefer the phrase "Offered with FCPIS and Commercial ePacket Service to certain destinations" instead of "Offered with FCPIS to certain destinations as Commercial ePacket Service."

As background, Outbound Single-Piece First-Class Package International Service (FCPIS) is classified as a separate product in Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) section 2335. MCS section 2335.5 states that Electronic Delivery Confirmation International is available with FCPIS subject to certain conditions. FCPIS is offered in

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<sup>1</sup> Request of the United States Postal Service to Add Global Expedited Package Services 8 Contracts to the Competitive Product List, and Notice of Filing (Under Seal) of Contract and Application for Non-public Treatment of Materials Filed Under Seal, September 5, 2017 (Request).

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the GEPS 6 and GEPS 7 baseline versions of the Global Expedited Package Services (GEPS) Contract product that is the subject of MCS section 2510.3.<sup>2</sup>

In contrast, Commercial ePacket is currently included only in the GEPS 5 baseline version of the GEPS Contract product that is the subject of MCS section 2510.3.<sup>3</sup> (In addition, Commercial ePacket is included in the baseline agreement for the proposed GEPS 8 contract product that is the subject of the instant dockets.)

Taking into consideration the description of the various GEPS baseline agreements discussed above, the Postal Service considers that the phrase "Offered with FCPIS and Commercial ePacket Service to certain destinations" is a more accurate description of the delivery tracking available with the various GEPS baseline agreements than the phrase "Offered with FCPIS to certain destinations as Commercial ePacket Service." Therefore, the Postal Service respectfully requests that the Commission's proposed "Offered with FCPIS to certain destinations as Commercial ePacket Service" phrase be replaced with the phrase "Offered with FCPIS and Commercial ePacket Service to certain destinations."

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<sup>2</sup> The GEPS 6 baseline agreement was established in PRC Order No. 3365, Order Adding Global Expedited Package Services 6 Contracts to the Competitive Product List and Approval of Designation as Baseline Agreement, Docket Nos. MC2016-149 and CP2016-188, June 14, 2016. The GEPS 7 baseline agreement was established in PRC Order No. 3542, Order Adding Global Expedited Package Services 7 to the Competitive Product List and Designating Baseline Agreement, Docket Nos. MC2016-196 and CP2016-280, September 27, 2016.

<sup>3</sup> The GEPS 5 baseline agreement was established in PRC Order No. 2844, Order Adding Global Expedited Package Services 5 Contracts to the Competitive Product List and Approval of Designation as Baseline Agreement, Docket Nos. MC2016-15 and CP2016-20, November 25, 2015.